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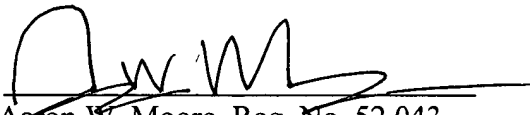
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Sir:

A one (1) month extension of time, to and including August 18, 2003 (August 17, 2003 falling on a Sunday), is requested for response to the Patent Office Communication of April 17, 2003.

The extension fee of \$110.00 as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a) is enclosed herewith.

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